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MEMORANDUM TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

I. Implementation of recently proposed plans and policies.

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A. Relocation of field installations.

1. Present indications are that the [redacted] installation will become operative on or about December 1, 1947. During July the [redacted] and the existing Mission at [redacted] were inspected by the Deputy Director, CIG, and the Assistant Director for Operations, CIG. The Acting Chief, FBIS, has been informed by the Deputy Assistant Director for Operations that the Deputy Director, CIG, commented very favorably upon his findings at both locations.

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2. The Assistant Director for Operations is presently [redacted] with the mission of expediting the establishment of the proposed FBIS Mission [redacted]. He has advised the Director, CIG, that this Project has been approved in principle provided CIG agrees to defray the construction cost estimated by SQAP engineers to be \$250,000. The Director, CIG, has in reply stated that since full inter-departmental use would be made of the product of this Station it is felt that this cost should be borne by reparations, and if some arrangement cannot be made to greatly reduce the cost to CIG of implementing this Project, it will be necessary to look to [redacted] mandated islands for a site at which to locate this Station.

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3. Tentative plans have been made to explore Cyprus for a possible site at which to relocate the present [redacted] Station and initial steps to implement the Reciprocal Agreement informally reached with [redacted] have been taken. Formal approval of [redacted] is expected in the near future.

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4. A physical inspection of sites in the vicinity of Washington, D. C. recommended by PAA for the new location of the East Coast Mission indicates that none of them meet the requisites from both a technical and administrative standpoint. Due to the apparent inability to find a satisfactory site for this Mission as planned it may be necessary to abandon, for the present, the idea of consolidating the engineering, monitoring and editorial functions of the East Coast Mission at one site. In this case a site for the actual receiving station close to Washington, D. C. is of paramount importance in order to avoid excessive costs on leased telephone lines necessary to transmit the intercepted broadcasts to monitoring positions in Washington.

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b. It is believed that an area which will satisfy the revised conditions exists approximately two miles East of Maryland near the hard surfaced road leading from Maryland State Highway [redacted] This area has been described to [redacted] Procurement Officer, Services Division, CIG, who has been requested to investigate further the possibility of relocating the East Coast Mission in this area.

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B. Movement of FBI Washington Office.

It is expected that the Briggs School Building will be vacated by its present occupants and made ready for FBI occupancy sometime during August. Complete plans for building alterations, communication changes and other adaptations are in the hands of the Executive for ADM.

C. Organizational changes within FBI.

1. Descriptions of FBI departmental positions have been furnished the Civil Service Commission, and a representative of the Commission has inspected the Washington Office. Final allocation of the positions is expected within the next few days.

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2. On July 18, 1947 a personnel ceiling for FBI U.S. field positions was established at [redacted] and the departmental ceiling remained at [redacted] effective for all quarters of fiscal year 1948. This adjustment was made in order to allow for the transfer of Monitors from departmental to field positions of the East Coast Mission, and to make temporary provisions for personnel of the FBI Services Division.

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II. Accomplishment of overall mission, including firmly established individual objectives.

A. Coverage of Soviet Broadcast.

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With the appointment of two Russian linguists at the [redacted] FBI now intercepts broadcasts from six USSR middle east regional transmitters, in addition to the two Siberian transmitters previously covered. The regional material varies little from Moscow broadcasts, but contains occasional detail of provincial information.

B. East East Roundup.

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Following the pattern of "roundups" written by the London Mission staff for American officials in Western Europe, [redacted] Mission has initiated daily roundups of broadcast material intercepted at [redacted] These roundups are included in the digest of textual material mimeographed in Gaire for distribution to American officials in that area.

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C. Reporting of telephone traffic from the Pacific.

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The rerouting of teletype traffic filed from [redacted]
[redacted] circuits direct to Washington was effected on
July 3, 1947. This has made possible alterations in the FBI's transcon-
tinental teletype circuits which it is believed will reduce the annual
communications costs by approximately \$10,000.

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Acting Chief, FBI

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